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RNA-DEPENDENT RNA POLYMERASE FUNCTIONING PREFERABLY ON RNA MATRIX AND PROMOTER-DEPENDENT TRANSCRIPTION PROCESS WITH SAID RNA-DEPENDENT

RNA POLYMERASE

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 17, 2001, an extension of time for a period of $\underline{3}$ month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. $\underline{126894}$ in the amount of \$920.00 in payment for: Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00)

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